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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR EXTENDED BRITISH FISHING RIGHTS

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1. DURING HIS RETURN COURTESY CALL ON ME TODAY, I ASKED UK
AMBASSADOR EAST WHETHER ANY PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING
RECENT VISIT PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON TO UK IN DEFINING
UK-ICELANDIC FISHERIES RELATIONSHIP AFTER DECEMBER 1.

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EAST INDICATED PM HAD SEEN CROSLAND AND THAT FORMER

APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO POLITICAL PROBLEM CROSLAND WILL
FACE AFTER DECEMBER 1. HOWEVER ICELANDERS, HAVING GOT
WHAT THEY WANT AS RESULT JUNE 1 AGREEMENT AND INCREASING
TENDENCY SINCE THEN OF GOVERNMENTS TO ASSERT 200 MILE
JURISDICTION, CLEARLY FEEL ANY INITIATIVES RE POST-
DECEMBER 1 FISHING REGIME ARE FOR OTHER TO TAKE. EAST
THOUGHT (WHETHER THIS WAS RESULT OF HALLGRIMSSON-CROSLAND
TALKS HE DID NOT STATE) THAT ICELANDERS APPEARED TO
BE SHOWING MORE INTEREST IN SEEING WHAT ANY EEC PROPOSALS
MIGHT HOLD FOR THEM THAN IN WORKING OUT SEPARATE DEAL WITH
UK. WHEN I COMMENTED THAT RECENT COMMISSION SUGGESTIONS
ON FISHERIES POLICY FOR EC-9 APPEAR TO HAVE EVOKED HIGHLY
NEGATIVE UK REACTION, EAST SAID THIS WAS PART OF PROBLEM
SINCE ICELANDERS PROBABLY REGARD UK AS QTE ODD MAN OUT UNQTE
WHOSE VIEWS RE ICELANDIC WATERS WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY
COMMUNITY PARTNERS. HE NOTED THAT ICELANDIC AGREEMENT
WITH FRG RE FISHERIES, CONCLUDED NOVEMBER 1975, WILL STILL
HAVE SOME TIME TO RUN AFTER AGREEMENT WITH UK EXPIRES AND
THAT THIS TIMING FURTHER ISOLATES UK.

2. EAST SAID HE WAS TRYING TO GET UK FONOFF TO FOCUS ON
FACT TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON FISHERIES PROBLEM BUT THAT
DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE, EG SOUTHERN AFRICA, SEEM TO HAVE
EVERYONE PREOCCUPIED. MEANTIME ICELANDERS HAVE NOTED
TO HIM WITH SOME AMUSEMENT THAT UK OBJECTIONS TO EEC
COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON FISHERIES CLOSELY RESEMBLE
OBJECTIONS ICELANDERS ADVANCED AGAINST UK CLAIMS
DURING COD WAR.

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